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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"I suggest to the Hon. Member to bring specific cases to the notice of the Government."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Surplus districts in the Province.

27 *Q.*—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of surplus districts in the Province in which rice has been procured for food distribution in 1945–46 and 1946–47;

(*b*) the total quantity of rice procured in each such district in the said years; and

(*c*) the prices at which the said rice was procured per bag of rice of 246 lb.?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Vide Statement[a] placed on the table of the House.

(*c*) Vide Statement[b] placed on the table of the House.

Arrangements for the care of mentally deficient children.

28 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state what arrangements exist for the care of mentally deficient children; whether the existing arrangements are insufficient; and what steps are proposed to make up the inadequacy?

A.—At present no separate facilities exist for the care and treatment of mentally defective children. Juvenile and delinquent children come under the Children's Aid Society and Borstal schools. Mentally deficient children who develop disorder of the mind are sent to the Mental Hospital under the Indian Lunacy Act. Those who are recovering from their mental illness are grouped separately and given special training in the Mental Hospital, Madras.

In 1944, the Government accepted a proposal of the Madras Children's Aid Society to run a Special Home to accommodate 20 mentally backward boys who are to be drawn from the Government Certified Schools or committed directed by Courts. It was intended that the Home should be managed by the Society with the help of a special Committee to be appointed by the Society and with this view the Government sanctioned certain grants to the Society towards the employment of staff in the Home and equipment for the boys admitted therein. The Home could not, however, be started as no

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suitable building became available so far for the purpose. The Chief Inspector of Certified Schools and the Collector of Madras have been asked to be on the look-out for a suitable building for accommodating the Home.

Papers furnished to the members of the Industrial Planning Committee.

29 *Q.*—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMY NAYUDU: (*a*) Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to lay on the table of the House copies of all papers furnished to the members of the Industrial Planning Committee constituted under G.O. Ms. No. 2303, Development, dated the 26th May 1947, especially of planning schemes enumerated in paragraph 6 including the Advisory Planning Board, the Reconstruction Committee of Council; and

(*b*) whether this Government has any information about the several planning committees constituted by the Government of India to advise on the possibilities and problems connected with the development of specific industries; how many have submitted their reports and to lay on the table of the House copies of such reports, if available?

A.—(*a*) The Government do not consider it necessary to comply with the request of the Hon'ble Member.

(*b*) The Government of India have set up 28 panels to report on various industries. A list[a] showing the panels for which interim or final reports have been received and from which no reports have been received is placed on the table of the House. Copies of the reports are not available for placing on the table of the House.

Manufacture of superphosphates.

30 *Q.*—SRI MADDI SUDARSANAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have seen a report published in some of the local newspapers regarding the proposal, for the formation of a manufacturing concern for the purpose of manufacturing superphosphates in the Madras Presidency with the Government of Madras contributing about 51 per cent of the share capital and with Messrs. Parry & Co. as Managing Agents;

(*b*) what the Government's policy is in respect of this industry in particular, and fertilizers in general;

(*c*) whether it is proposed to give the sole monopoly of manufacturing superphosphates to this company or whether they propose to encourage any other manufacturer of this product in this Presidency;

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(*d*) whether the Government have considered the question whether it is desirable to encourage this industry on a decentralized basis or on a centralized basis;

(*e*) the reasons that impelled them to consider the question of appointing Messrs. Parry & Co. as Managing Agents;

(*f*) whether the Government have considered the feasibility and desirability of running this factory either as a State concern, or under direct State control especially in view of the Government's investment to the extent of 51 per cent of the total share capital without appointing any Managing Agents;

(*g*) the special qualifications, that a managing agency firm should possess to manage a concern of this type and the special qualifications that Messrs. Parry & Co. possess for being appointed as Managing Agents of this company;

(*h*) the special facilities that the Government will get by appointing Messrs. Parry & Co. as Managing Agents;

(*i*) whether Messrs. Parry & Co. were running any such factory before, to qualify them for being appointed as Managing Agents;

(*j*) whether the Government have enquired whether there are any other Managing Agency firms or Managing Agents either in our Province or other Province, either Indian or foreign, to take up the responsibility of running the factory;

(*k*) whether the Government are aware that Messrs. Parry & Co. is dominated by foreigners;

(*l*) whether the Hon. the Minister for Industries has expressed views generally against appointment of Managing Agents and how it is that the Government are thinking of appointing a Managing Agent for a company of such importance, and whether the Government propose to have a controlling interest;

(*m*) whether the Government will give an assurance that they would give the Managing Agency to a foreign firm only after satisfying themselves that there is nobody among our countrymen capable of undertaking such a responsibility in the first instance; and

(*n*) whether the Government be prepared to give an assurance that they will not take any definite action with regard to the proposed company without ascertaining the views of all the commercial and financial interests of this Province in the matter of undertaking this important venture?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government are awaiting the final report of the Industrial Planning Committee.

(*c*) *to* (*n*) Do not arise.

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Age of compulsory retirement.

31 *Q.*—SRI MADDI SUDARSANAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal pending disposal by the Government for increasing the age of compulsory retirement of Government servants under Fundamental Rule 56 from 55 years to 58 years;

(*b*) whether it is also a fact that the opinions of heads of departments have been called for on the proposal;

(*c*) at what stage is this proposal;

(*d*) when final orders can be expected; and

(*e*) want the view is of the Salaries Cabinet Sub-Committee on this?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) At the instance of the late Reorganization Committee, certain select Heads of Departments were called on to report whether Heads of Departments should be empowered to retain ministerial servants for one year at a time up to 58 years of age, provided they continued to be efficient. Their replies have been received and the matter has been referred to the reconstituted Reorganization Committee for its recommendation.

(*e*) The last Salaries Cabinet Committee was not in favour of raising the age of compulsory retirement.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. PRESIDENT:—"In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I have received a message from the Hon. the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1947) as passed by the Assembly on the 12th December 1947 and signed by him for the concurrence of the Council." 11-30 a.m.

III.—APPLICATION OF RULE 63 OF THE COUNCIL RULES.

MR. PRESIDENT:—"Yesterday the House adopted a motion by the Government that the House pass on to the business next in order in the list of business. That is a very important matter. It requires further consideration. At what stage should the motion be made is a matter which requires further examination. Rule 63 seems to contemplate a motion actually made and the House must be in possession of such a motion before any of the kinds of motions contemplated under Rule 63 could be made. The Rule reads as follows:—

'*A motion that any meeting or business be adjourned or postponed or that the House pass to the business next in the list of business may be moved at any time and without previous notice as a distinct question, but not so as to interrupt a speech. If the motion is carried, the meeting*